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Addendum

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will consider the following agenda items:

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

9. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

12. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:

    (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;

    (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:

        (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

        (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions.

13. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission.

14. Other business.

15. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session.

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Annotations

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/259, entitled "Joint meetings of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", decided that, starting in 2011, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions should be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

In accordance with that decision, two meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held jointly with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice during the reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 12, entitled "Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions". The remaining items on the agenda will be considered in a separate meeting. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document.

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 57/5, recognized its leading role in the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 as the central policymaking body within the United Nations dealing with drug-related matters, and decided to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session by using its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner, bearing in mind the decision by the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing regular budget resources. The Commission also decided that, in preparation for the special session, it will hold formal meetings following its fifty-seventh session, including two formal meetings immediately preceding its reconvened fifty-seventh session, in December 2014, and that it would hold intersessional meetings with a view to preparing the formal meetings.

The extended Bureau, at its meeting of 6 May, recommended that, on 3 December 2014, a special segment of two meetings would be devoted to the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016. The intersessional meeting of the Commission on 4 September 2014 approved the recommendation and the draft provisional agenda for the special segment.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda, addendum (E/CN.7/2014/1/Add.1)

9. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193, decided to convene, early in 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

In its resolution 68/197, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the United Nations organ with prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session, including by presenting proposals from the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission through the Economic and Social Council in support of the preparatory process, including progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to be considered by the Assembly starting at its sixty-ninth session.

Pursuant to paragraph 40 of the Political Declaration, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs conducted a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Declaration and Plan of Action at its fifty-seventh session. The high-level segment, held on 13 and 14 March 2014, consisted of a general debate on progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action. In parallel, round-table discussions were held on the three pillars of the Plan of Action (demand reduction, supply reduction and international cooperation).

The Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem was adopted at the high-level segment. In the Statement, the ministers and government representatives participating in the high-level segment acknowledged the progress made by Member States, while underscoring that both the persistent and new challenges related to drug demand and supply reduction and to countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation remained a common and shared responsibility. The Statement provided a basis for the continued preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

The Commission, in its resolution 57/5, recognized the leading role of the Commission in the preparations for the special session, and decided to present proposals, for consideration by the General Assembly, regarding all organizational matters, including the agenda, dates, substantive issues to be covered, outcomes and other issues relevant to the successful preparations for the special session.

It requested UNODC, as the leading entity in the United Nations system for countering the world drug problem, to provide substantive expertise and technical support to the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 2016, and requested the Secretariat to prepare a report for consideration by the Commission before or at its reconvened fifty-seventh session,

containing recommendations on the preparations for, the possible outcomes of and organizational matters relating to that special session.

It recommended that organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks, other relevant international organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board, and regional organizations contribute fully to the Commission's preparations for the special session of the General Assembly, in particular by submitting to the Commission, through the Executive Director of UNODC, specific recommendations on the issues to be addressed by the Assembly at that session.

It recognized the important role played by civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in the preparations for and during the fifty-second and the fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission, including their high-level segments, and also recognized the need for their active involvement in the preparations for the special session, as well as the need for their effective, substantive and active involvement during the special session, in accordance with the rules of procedure and practice developed for other special sessions of the General Assembly, and requested the Chair of the Commission to consider undertaking consultations and other appropriate actions in that regard with relevant stakeholders.

Pursuant to resolution 57/5, the Commission has initiated an intensive consultation process with all stakeholders (Member States, United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and civil society) to ensure an "adequate inclusive and effective preparatory process". As an initial step, the Commission established a website for the special session (www.ungass2016.org) to enable global dialogue in an inclusive and transparent manner and to function as a hub of knowledge, evidence and research on various aspects of the world drug problem. All relevant United Nations entities, and international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, have been invited to send written contributions to the Secretariat. All contributions received are posted on the website, along with the agendas and presentations made during the intersessional meetings, interactive informal discussions and side events that have been organized in the meantime.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the preparations for, the possible outcomes of and organizational matters relating to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016 (E/CN.7/2014/17)

12. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions

(a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives

(b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2013/246, entitled "Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime", reaffirmed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 and decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the part of the session of the Commission to be held in the first half of 2015, at which time the Commission should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate.

The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13. In its resolution 56/11, the Commission requested the working group to continue addressing evaluation-related matters, discussing and supporting the integrated programme approach of UNODC and discussing progress made with regard to the implementation of resolutions, and to give appropriate attention to the issue of supporting the funding situation and financial management of UNODC.

The Commission, at its reconvened fifty-sixth session, adopted resolution 56/17 on the budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in which it approved the projected use of general-purpose funds in the consolidated budget for the biennium and endorsed the programme support cost funds and special-purpose fund estimates for the biennium. The Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/15-E/CN.15/2013/28) and considered and took into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the consolidated budget (E/CN.7/2013/16-E/CN.15/2013/29).

The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2014/18-E/CN.15/2014/21) and, for its approval, any revised estimates for the general-purpose funds budget for the biennium 2014-2015 contained therein.

Item 12 will be considered at joint meetings with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice pursuant to Council decision 2011/259.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/8/Add.1-E/CN.15/2014/8/Add.1)

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/18-E/CN.15/2014/21)

13. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission

The Commission, in its resolution 57/5, decided that it would devote eight meetings during its fifty-eighth session, to be held in March 2015, to the preparations for the special session. The special segment will be conducted under the item of the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session entitled "Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016".

The Commission is requested to decide on the duration and the dates of the fifty-eighth session, including its special segment.

14. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under agenda item 10 have been brought to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

15. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session

Under item 15, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened fifty-seventh session.

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Opening of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and election of officers

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs hold office until their successors are elected, and are eligible for re-election.

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play a [illegible]tive role in the preparations for both the regular and the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance.

Pursuant to section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission is invited to open, at the end of its reconvened fifty-seventh session, on 5 December 2014, its fifty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

In view of the established practice of rotating the offices on the basis of regional distribution, the officers to be elected by the Commission for its fifty-eighth session will be from the regional groups as follows:

Chair:	Asia-Pacific States
First Vice-Chair:	Eastern European States
Second Vice-Chair:	Western European and other States

Third Vice-Chair:	Latin American and Caribbean States
Rapporteur:	African States

In accordance with established practice and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39, a group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union will assist the Chair in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, will constitute the extended Bureau.

Annex

Proposed organization of work for the reconvened fifty-seventh session, including its special segment

The proposed organization of work shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 December 2014; Thursday, 4 December 2014; and Friday, 5 December 2014.

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Title or description*
Wednesday, 3 December	10 a.m.		Opening of the reconvened fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*)
		9	Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (*continued*)
			Special segment
	10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	9	Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (*continued*)
			Opening of the special segment
			Adoption of the proposed organization of work for the special segment and other organizational matters
			Interactive debate on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016: substantive matters and organizational matters
	3-6 p.m.	9	Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (*continued*)
			Interactive debate on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (*continued*)
			Outcome and closure of the special segment

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Title or description*
Thursday, 4 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*)
		12	Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (*continued*) (*joint meeting*)
	3-6 p.m.	12	Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (*continued*) (*joint meeting*)
Friday, 5 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	13	Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission (*continued*)
		14	Other business (*continued*)
		15	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session